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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. AU COIN AMENDMENT COMES TO AN END (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE HOUSE VOTED TO STRIKE THE AU COIN AMENDMENT (HR 8196) FROM THE EXIM BANK BILL DURING FLOOR DEBATE JUNE 2. REP-RESENTATIVE VANIK MOVED TO STRIKE THE COMMITTEE-APPROVED AU COIN AMENDMENT AND, AFTER SPIRITED DEBATE THAT TOUCHED ON CHINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES, VANIK'S MOTION PASSED 179-138. THIS ACTION PRESUMABLY MEANS THE END OF AU COIN'S WELL-MEANING BUT TROUBLESOME INITIATIVE. HIS COM-PANION BILL (HR 8197), WHICH WOULD REMOVE THE PRC FROM THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE TRADE ACT, IS PRESENTLY LAN-
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GUISHING IN VANIK'S OWN SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

2. CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL TO THE PRC (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

SYLVIA STANFIELD AND OTHERS MET WITH HIRC STAFFERS THIS WEEK TO PUT THE FINAL TOUCHES ON CODEL WOLFF PLANS IN

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HONG KONG. THE CODEL HAS NOT YET HEARD FROM THE CHINESE CONCERNING THEIR PROPOSED ITINERARY IN THE PRC. WE HAVE ALSO OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO SENATOR HEINZ, WHO WILL BE IN CHINA NEXT WEEK WITH A PRIVATE GROUP.
3. NOVEMBER CODELS (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT A HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE DELEGATION OF ABOUT 25 HAS ARRANGED PRIVATELY THROUGH PRCLO FOR A NOVEMBER VISIT TO CHINA. REGARDING THE CODEL WHICH SENATOR BYRD HAD INDEPENDENTLY SELECTED TO SEND TO CHINA (WITHOUT HIM) IN EARLY JULY, HAN HSU TOLD BILL GLEYSTEEN THIS WEEK THAT THIS WOULD BE TOO SHORT NOTICE. FRANK MOORE, HOPEFULLY, HAS NOW SO INFORMED BYRD; BUT WE HAVEN'T YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS. NOR HAVE WE BEEN ABLE, PENDING MOORE-BYRD AGREEMENT, TO NAIL DOWN WITH THE CHINESE PLANS FOR THE BYRD AND SLACK CODELS.

4. CANTON TRADE FAIR CLOSES--TEXTILE PURCHASES (CONFIDENTIAL)

USLO HAS REPORTED THAT THE VOLUME OF AMERICAN BUSINESS AT THE CANTON TRADE FAIR ENDING MAY 15 WAS COMPARABLE TO THE PREVIOUS TWO FAIRS, ALTHOUGH ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN SOMEWHAT. US PURCHASES TOTALED ABOUT $44 MILLION. US TEXTILE PURCHASES AMOUNTED TO $10 MILLION, DOWN FROM $15.6 MILLION AT THE FALL FAIR, BUT MORE THAN PREVIOUS
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FAIRS. SOME OF THE DECLINE MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO PRE-FAIR SALES IN PEKING AND THE PRESENCE OF A CHINESE TEXTILE DELEGATION IN THE US WHEN THE FAIR OPENED. CONTRACTS SIGNED AT THE FAIR SHOULD START SHOWING UP ON OUR IMPORT STATISTICS BY THIS FALL.

5. THE TIBETAN REVOLT (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE DECISION TO CONTINUE LISTING "CHINA" AS THE PLACE OF BIRTH IN US PASSPORTS FOR PERSONS BORN IN "TIBET" HAS CREATED A LARGE VOLUME OF BOTH MAIL AND PHONE CALLS. THE SMALL BUT VERY VOCAL AMERICAN TIBETAN COMMUNITY HAS TAKEN ITS CASE TO EVERY CONGRESSMAN WHO WILL LISTEN AND HAS NOW ENLISTED SUPPORT FROM THE ACLU. THE PASSPORT OFFICE IS RECONSIDERING ITS POSITION AND BY NEXT WEEK MAY HAVE A SUGGESTED CHANGE IN POLICY FOR LISTING PLACES OF BIRTH WORLDWIDE.

6. STUDENT EXCHANGE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

HARVARD-EDUCATED FORMER CHOU EN-LAI INTERPRETER CHI CH'AO-CHU MET WITH A COLUMBIA PROFESSOR IN PEKING LAST

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MONTH. CHI, WHO APPARENTLY WAS IN SOME POLITICAL DIF-
FICULTY LAST YEAR, INDICATED THAT HE IS BACK AT WORK IN
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WILL BE AT THE UN IN NEW YORK
LATER THIS SUMMER. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY AGREED TO SPEAK
AT A COLUMBIA SEMINAR AT THAT TIME AND INDICATED THAT

SINO-US STUDENT EXCHANGES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE PRIOR TO
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. COLUMBIA PLANS TO FOLLOW UP
ON THIS POSSIBILITY IN A LETTER TO PEKING UNIVERSITY. CHRISTOPHER

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